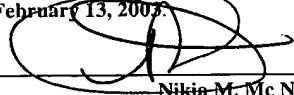


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Dr. James L. Cox, et al. )  
Application No.: 09/606,742 )  
Filed: June 29, 2000 )  
For: SURGICAL SYSTEM AND )  
PROCEDURE FOR TREATMENT )  
OF MEDICALLY REFRACTORY )  
atrial fibrillation )  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period for response in the above-identified application two-months, to and including February 13, 2003.

Extension fee for response within the second month by a small entity ..... \$205.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above fee and any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17 or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1247.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 2/13/03

  
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